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SUBJECT: TAXES ON THE IMPORT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

REFS: BOGOTA 07240, STATE 180214

1. EMBASSY'S RESPONSE TO INQUIRY CONCERNING NOTIFICATIONS OF SERVICES RESTRAINTS IN THE MTN INCLUDED INFORMATION ON TAXES WHICH DISCRIMINATE AGAINST SERVICE IMPORTS IN ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES (PARA 2). NOTED ARE 40 PERCENT TAX ON VALUE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES CONTRACTED OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY AND 12 PERCENT TAX ON THE NET AMOUNT PAID TO FOREIGN CONSULTANT. CABLE STATES THAT THESE TAXES AMOUNT TO A 47 PERCENT TARIFF. IS 47 PERCENT FIGURE CORRECT AS OPPOSED TO A 52 PERCENT TOTAL, OR IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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47 PERCENT A COMPOSITE BASED ON FACT THAT THE TWO TAXES ARE ON DIFFERENT BASE AMOUNTS? IF THE LATTER, HOW DO THE BASE AMOUNTS DIFFER? WHO PAYS THESE TAXES? PLEASE CLARIFY. PLEASE REPLY ASAP, HOPEFULLY BY AUGUST 18.

2. INFORMATION ON THE ORIGIN OF THE MEASURE AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE FOR U.S. FIRMS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. VANCE

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